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A.F.A. ENDORSES PROPOSALS RE AMALGAMATION

RESOLUTION ON MERGER ADOPTED, A.F.A. CONVENTION

Proposes A.F.A. and U.F.A. Amalgamate if Offer of A.F.U. Not Acceptable

U.F.A. WILL DECIDE

Issue to Come Before Annual Convention of U.F.A. Third Week in January

The Board of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture—a federation of some 57 farmer bodies in this Province—have been instructed by their annual meeting of delegates to "proceed to amalgamate with the United Farmers of Alberta", if the U.F.A. should decide at its forthcoming Annual Convention in January to reject another proposal, made by the Alberta Farmers' Union, and published elsewhere in this issue.

Decision in January

That is the effect of a resolution adopted by the Federation, whose sessions were held in the Masonic Temple in Edmonton on December 11th and 12th. It will be for the United Farmers of Alberta, of course, to decide in their own Convention of delegates, in January next, what course shall be taken by them.

Thus the negotiations and discussions which have been carried on over a long period of years, with a view to bringing about the most effective co-ordination of the various farmer organizations and enterprises in the Province, enter upon a new phase. The new development, however, is the outgrowth of a series of events extended over the past year or so.

Stems From Planning Last Winter

At the Conventions held in the winter of 1946-47, a plan which had been worked out by a committee of officers of all three organizations was considered. It provided for the merging of the two farmers' primary organizations (the U.F.A. and the A.F.U.), in the Federation, and the adoption of a new constitution. The provisional constitution provided for direct membership of individual farmers and farm women in the Federation, one being elected for each of twelve districts, plus one district for the Peace River block in British Columbia. Eight other directors were to represent grain, livestock, dairying, farm supplies and other such groups (as under the present constitution). The plan was agreed to by the A.F.A. and the U.F.A. Conventions, but rejected by the A.F.U., whose Convention advanced new proposals for amalgamation of the farmers' two existing primary organizations. Negotiations were continued during the past year, but broke down, for reasons which have been previously explained.

Resolution in Full

The resolution adopted by the Federation delegates last week was in the following terms:

"Whereas, the Alberta Federation of Agriculture was designed for the purpose of consolidating the farm voice and opinion, and

"Whereas, the United Farmers of Alberta and the Alberta Federa-

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Food Contract Decisions Reached

Federation President



Roy C. Marler, of Bremner, who was re-elected president of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture at a meeting of the Board of the Federation following the Annual Meeting in Edmonton last week.

Canadian Terms Accepted

INCREASED PRICES

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 17th. —FLASH—Agreement on renewal of food contracts with Britain has been reached, it is authoritatively announced here. In general Canadian terms have been accepted. Agreements cover bacon, cheese, eggs and beef, it is understood.

Prices will be increased, it is expected, by 10 per cent. Some modifications in respect to payments in U.S. dollars will be made, to ease Britain's position somewhat.

Indians of the Blackfoot Reserve recently voted \$50 for the tuberculosis seal campaign.

ALL UNWILLING TO FACE PROSPECT OF PARLEY'S FAILURE

Neither British nor Canadians Willing to Contemplate Failure to Reach Agreement

PROBLEMS EXAMINED

Matter of Opening U.S. Markets Affected by State of British Negotiations

By M. McDougall,
Press Gallery, Ottawa

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Dec. 17th.—At the time of writing, while the course of the negotiations with the British mission on food contracts is still uncertain, the prospects seem somewhat brighter for a successful outcome. Some announcement is likely to be given within the next few days. It is at the same time possible, it is believed, that the actual decision may not be made until after Christmas, perhaps after the New Year.

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C.F.A. at National Agricultural Conference



For the past three years the Canadian Federation of Agriculture has had a substantial official delegation at the annual Agricultural Production Conference held at Ottawa each December under the auspices of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. Federation delegates in this conference are accorded the same privileges of participation in discussion as the representatives of the various Provincial Governments. The Federation delegation at the 1947 conference are shown above, as follows:

Right side of picture, front to back: James Turner, London, England, President of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, and of the British Farmers' Union (guest), H. H. Hannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, W. J. Parker, First Vice-President of the C.F.A., and President of the Mani-

toba Pool Elevators, J. A. Marion, Second Vice-President of the C.F.A. and President Quebec Farmers Union, R. A. Proffit, President, P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture, C. T. Fitz-Randolph, Bridgetown, N.S., Roy Marler, President, Alberta Federation of Agriculture, R. S. Law, President, United Grain Growers Ltd., Winnipeg.

Left side of picture: C. G. Groff, Secretary, C.F.A., J. H. Wesson, President, Saskatchewan Co-operative Producers, George Robertson, Secretary, Saskatchewan Co-operative Producers, R. A. Stewart, President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, J. J. E. McCague, President, Dairy Farmers of Canada, Alex Mercer, Managing Director, Fraser Valley Milk Producers, Vancouver, B.C., H. L. Griffin, United Grain Growers, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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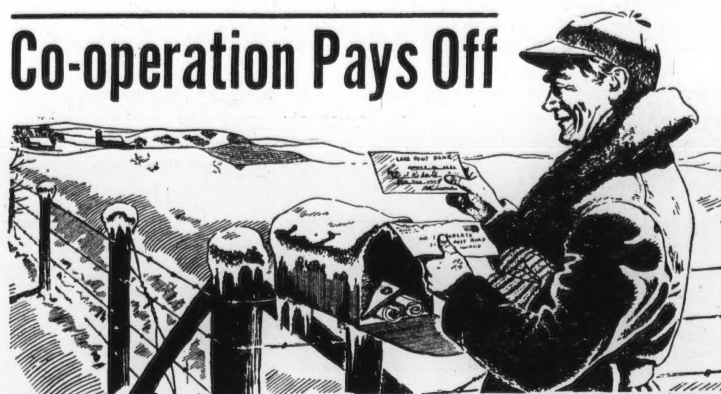
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Elnora Dairy Calf Club Activities

By ALF HOLMES

(Elnora Dairy Calf Club Reporter)

The monthly meeting of the Elnora Dairy Calf Club was held November 21st with the president, Marwood Davis, in the chair. As notices had not been posted, only 12 members were present, but quite a bit was accomplished.

A motion was passed that all the members should pay for their calves immediately as the delivery date is set for December and January.

A program is scheduled for the next meeting. Arrangements for a contest were made. Those on the committee are Alfred Holmes, Rae Page and Ray Davis. The questions are to be secured from the pamphlet "Boys and Girls Calf Clubs" (members' Handbook).

A social committee was also formed with Glenna Page, Eleanor Hogg and Christina Paton in charge of the lunch arrangements.

All parents are urged to attend these meetings, so keep them in mind. Every third Friday of the month, not including December. Remember the date, January 16th, is set for our next meeting.



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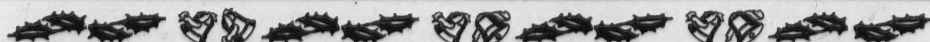
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A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary

We Extend Good Wishes.—Through these columns may we extend on behalf of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, our wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Healthful New Year to all of our readers.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture is now past and Roy C. Marler will again head this organization. The Federation has experienced a very busy and successful season. This fact can be attributed to the splendid co-operation of the Board members and to the energy and foresight of our Chairman.

These same factors augur well for the New Year, and with the continued support of all member organizations, 1948 should place the Federation of Agriculture, both Provincial and National, on a still higher plane in world affairs.

The goal that the Federation has set for achievement is not an easy one, and at times it would appear that advances are slow and hesitating. Nevertheless, this should not dampen our spirits or determination to win what we consider our natural heritage.

Stability in the agricultural world will ultimately mean security to other branches of industry. Furthermore, it will mean food for the world population and thus, the greatest force for Peace on Earth—Good Will towards all men.

Western Agricultural Conference.—The four Western Provinces will meet in Winnipeg on January 20th, 21st, 22nd. This meeting will be a preliminary session to the Annual Meeting of the C.F.A. which will be held in Brockville during the week of January 26th.

The resolutions of inter-provincial and national nature passed at the recent A.F.A. meeting will be reconsidered at the Western Conference before going to the C.F.A. meeting.

A.F.A. Annual Report.—A very complete report of the A.F.A. activities for the past year was prepared for the annual meeting. This has been bound in booklet form and will be made available on request to members as long as the supply lasts.

At an early date we plan on giving a detailed report of the Annual Meeting through our A.F.A. Monthly Bulletin. This Bulletin is made available to all directors of affiliate organizations. If your organization has made any change in your Board of Directors, kindly inform this office.

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Alberta Wheat Pool Delegates' Decision re 1946-47—Important Convention Resolutions

The annual meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates ended on Thursday, Dec. 4th, after a nine-day convention. The feature of the meeting was the decision to distribute virtually all of the million dollars excess earnings of the 1946-47 business year. The bulk of this money will be devoted to the purchase of Pool reserves from older Pool members who have no longer any interest in land, and who have reached the age of 65 years. It was also decided to purchase reserves of members who have reached the age of 75 years, whether or not they retain an interest in land. The estates of deceased Pool members will also be cleaned up.

A raft of resolutions were dealt with. These covered many subjects. One of these, moved by Percy C. Johnson, asked that the directors be ready to resume negotiations seeking amalgamation of the Wheat Pools and the United Grain Growers at any time a suitable plan can be arranged. Mr. Johnson said there was confusion and apprehension among the farm people owing to the conflicting ideals and policies of these farmer-owned organizations. The opinion was expressed that, in spite of rebuffs, the Alberta Pool delegates should pursue the objective of amalgamation.

Other resolutions passed: That the United States market be immediately made available to the Canadian livestock industry.

Expressing unalterable opposition to daylight saving time, unless approved by a province-wide vote.

Permanent Wheat Board

Asking that the directors authorize a vigorous campaign towards the permanent establishment of the Wheat Board to market all grains.

Asking that Pool elevator agents be encouraged to improve the appearance of Pool elevators and grounds.

Asking that a record be kept of oats and barley delivered between Aug. 1 and Oct. 21, when the ceilings were removed, and that any surplus realized on the marketing of such grains, over and above normal handling charges, be refunded to the farmers who delivered such grains.

Asking that wheat for domestic consumption be sold on the basis of world prices.

Asking that the directors investigate the possibility of purchasing a head office building in Calgary.

Instructing the management and auditors to take the 1929 overpayment from the books of the Alberta Wheat Pool and the auditors' report. This debt has been liquidated as far as the provincial government is concerned.

Instructing the directors to investigate plans for group life insurance for Pool members.

Congratulating S. J. Allsop on his winning the world's wheat championship at Chicago.

Asking the directors to pursue a more aggressive policy in the marketing of seed grain.

Asking that the directors investigate the establishing of grain dryers in Alberta.

Hold Meetings Auspices of U.F.A. Co-operative

Elnora, Wimborne, Loyalty and Three Hills are points at which successful meetings were recently held under the auspices of the Educational Department of the U.F.A. Co-op of Calgary, the chairman at these points were respectively W. Duncan, J. Dickinson, Frank Hoppins and Mr. Kaechele. R. M. McCool Supervisor of Branch Stores for the Co-op, Mrs. Braithwaite, Red Deer, U.F.W.A.

Director and Lawrence Proudfoot, Assistant Educational Director of the Co-op, were speakers. Sound films were shown.

In the Lacombe district meetings were held at Eclipse, George, Nebraska and Spruceville, chairmen being Ed. Dowling, Mr. Mullins, Cliff Sims, and Tom Alexander. Speakers were Morris Shaw of Lacombe, Junior U.F.A. Director, and Lawrence Proudfoot.

At Spruce Creek school near Halkirk, and Williston School, Castor, chairmen were Roy McBride and C. F. Pals. Speakers included Paul

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SEEK LONG-TERM STABILITY

In the face of an increasingly vigorous propagandist campaign designed to destroy their faith in principles to which they have adhered consistently since they began their fight for better conditions in agriculture several decades ago, the organized farmers have remained staunch.

Whether it be in their local and district meetings, in their provincial primary organizations and co-operative enterprises, or in such comprehensive bodies as the Alberta Federation and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the farm people continue to strive for long-term stability of markets and prices rather than short-term speculative profits.

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Last week we attended the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, and we inferred from observations of President Marler and of those of other officers and delegates, that their hands are being strengthened in the struggle against anarchic tendencies in marketing, by the knowledge that the farm people are behind them.

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HANNAM STATES ISSUE

"The question we have to decide now," declared H. H. Hannam, the President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, in addressing the national agricultural conference at Ottawa recently, "is whether or not we are going to have a stabilization program for agriculture, or whether we shall throw our industry upon the uncertainties of a free market. . . . We have given our support to long-term contracts, even though there are factors which limit their success. These contracts have given us a stability and security that would have been impossible otherwise. In the International field we have supported international commodity agreements. If these could be signed on staple products, they would provide a stability which it would not be necessary to try to obtain through sales contracts."

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Of the effects of decontrol of coarse grains prices made suddenly effective in the late fall, Mr. Hannam stated: "I have never known a time when all livestock farmers, including dairy and poultry producers, were so upset, discouraged and bewildered."

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BAD TIMING

Canada's present exchange difficulties, which imperil overseas markets, might well have been averted had stabilizing economic controls not been abandoned too readily, and had the restrictions which have been imposed now (described by some humorist as "austerity" measures) been imposed earlier to meet our "U.S. dollar" crisis.

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NOTABLE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The *Lethbridge Herald* celebrated its fortieth birthday on December 11th by publishing an edition of 308 pages, including a series of supplements totalling 288 pages in which the history of this excellent and highly influential newspaper is told, together with the story of the development of the city and of the great area which the paper serves. One supplement is devoted exclusively to Agriculture.

The *Herald* itself has been one of the chief builders of the prosperity of Southern Alberta. We extend our congratulations at this time to Senator

THE NEW YEAR

*The New Year comes with sorrow in its hands,
And shrouded in impenetrable veils,
As Peace, her terms still scorned, remotely stands
Apart, unyielding, while the world quails
Before new threats of strange and evil things
That may engulf all nations in new ills,
So meagre is the hope the New Year brings,
So pale the courage that its dawn distills.*

*Yet, even so, the faintest heart must lift
In welcome to the year which, being new,
May bear for us some unexpected gift,
Some untried course that still we may pursue
The obstacles to move, the path to clear,
That Peace may walk with us in this New Year.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

W. A. Buchanan, its founder, who continues as President and Managing Director, and to the able staff who have produced this attractive and historically notable edition.

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BEGINNINGS OF LEND-LEASE

In our last issue we dealt with the plans for a second or post-war phase of Lend-Lease which the late President Roosevelt worked out in association with Winston Churchill, Britain's war-time Prime Minister. We quoted the judgment of former Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau that had not this project been "brutally terminated" after Roosevelt's death, "the world today might be on a long road to abundance." As aid for Britain after VE-Day, we showed, approximately \$5,500,000,000 had been agreed upon as a fair amount for the first year.

It is interesting to turn at this time to the beginnings of Lend-Lease. The idea which ultimately became operative in Lend-Lease was first conceived in 1940, when, as Mr. Morgenthau recalls, the British Ambassador to Washington, Lord Lothian, asked Secretary Cordell Hull to forward by seaplane to Mr. Roosevelt a letter from Mr. Churchill. This remarkable letter read as follows:

"The moment approaches when we shall no longer be able to pay cash for shipping and other supplies. While we will do our utmost to shirk from no proper sacrifice to make payments across the exchange, I believe you will agree that it would be wrong in principle, and mutually disadvantageous in effect if, after victory was won with our blood, civilization saved, and time gained for the United States to be fully armed against all eventualities, we should stand stripped to the bone."

* * *

STRIPPED TO BONE

Today, Britain is "stripped to the bone" largely through the working out of post-war United States financial and economic policies, and Europe is in grave distress. The great opportunity to give lend-lease aid in 1945 was missed. Had such aid been given, its effect would undoubtedly have been far-reaching, not in a material sense only, but in giving new hope to the people of Britain, to the people of Europe—hope which itself can strengthen productive effort.

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The people of Britain have set their hands to the grimmer task which American rejection of Phase Two of Lend-Lease imposed upon her, and the prospect is that eventually they will win through. But the price of the abandonment in Washington in 1945 of the program of Franklin Roosevelt will be paid in terms of human hardship and suffering for many years to come, in Britain and on the continent of Europe—and in North America too.

Federation Officers

Roy C. Marler of Bremner was re-elected President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture at a meeting of the Board of the Federation following the Annual Meeting in Edmonton last week. James R. McFall is Secretary-Treasurer. The Board again chose George E. Church of Balzac to be First Vice-Chairman, E. H. Keith of Sexsmith is Second Vice-Chairman. Mr. Keith and Donald MacLeod of Lake Isle are the only new Board members.

The complete slate of Board members consists of Mr. Marler (dairy section), Mr. MacLeod (sheep and wool), Mr. Keith (grain), Phil Baker, Lethbridge, (sugar beets), Mr. Church (U.F.A.), Ray Garneau, Wainwright (A.F.U.), Hugh W. Allen, Hualien (livestock), J. H. Rhodes, Brant (poultry), W. J. Hoppins, Calgary (farm supplies), Mrs. W. Ross, Millet (health and social welfare). Delegates to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture are Mr. Marler, Mr. Church and Mr. Allen.

Secretary-Treasurer A.F.A.



JAS R. McFALL

Problems of Wooded Areas

The second in a series of reports on farm settlement problems in the wooded areas of Alberta has been received. It is entitled "A Study of Pioneer Farming in the Fringe Areas of the Peace River, Alberta, 1942," is written by B. K. Acton and C. C. Spence, and published by the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

A.F.A. AND AMALGAMATION

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tion of Agriculture endorsed the proposed constitution for amalgamation drafted in 1946.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Directors be authorized to proceed to amalgamate with the United Farmers of Alberta, (if the offer of the Alberta Farmers' Union Convention is rejected at their Annual Meeting, January 13th to 16th) providing this plan is endorsed by their delegates in Annual Meeting, and

"Further, that a standing invitation be extended to the Alberta Farmers' Union and other farm organizations, to join with the Federation in making one over-all farm organization for the Province of Alberta."

The words printed between parentheses in the resolution above, were inserted (as an amendment to the original resolution submitted to the meeting) on motion of A. T. Baker of Nemiskam. Geo. E. Church of Balzac, President of the U.F.A., and Henry G. Young, Millet, of the A.F.U., were among those who declared themselves for the amendment before the

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OTTAWA LETTER (Cont. from page 1)

The idea is held that one or more of the members of the British group may leave in a few days for Britain, and take up some major points with members of the Cabinet there. The progress of the negotiations has of course been in the main kept secret; it has, however, been clear that negotiations have never broken down, as has been suggested in some quarters, and that in view of the importance of the contracts to both countries, no one has been willing to contemplate failure.

Main Difficulty

The main difficulty has been and still is: "what the British are going to use for money", though prices come into the picture too. The dollar situation both here and in Britain is, of course, the core of the whole difficulty. The British, it is believed, want to use the balance of their Canadian loan as far as possible to import raw materials for their factories, to help their drive for increased exports. Canada feels it needs the continuation of payment of one-half its exports in U.S. dollars or in gold.

Some factors that might have a bearing on the situation—when and to what extent the European Recovery measures in the U.S. will come to fruition, and whether or not Canada's dollar situation may be eased by the operation of the program—are of course undecided. Of more practical bearing are our own restrictive measures to bring the balance of payments between U.S. and Canada into a reasonable state of equilibrium, and how quickly they will bear substantial fruit. Another point is how much British exports to Canada can be increased in the coming year. That would help the situation, as it would probably mean a corresponding decrease in Canada's imports from U.S.

Much is being heard now of the outcome of the negotiations on the interests of the Canadian farmer from the short and long term viewpoint. There have been and will be more discussions in Parliament on the difficulties of the farmer in connection with feed grains, their scarcity of supply and prices, and the effect of this situation on the livestock industry. The promise has been given that there will be compensating increases in prices of products which use feed grains.

A good deal is being heard about removing restrictions on exports of some food products to the U.S., and there are differing views on this. Some hold their removal would unquestionably benefit the farmers through getting the higher prices across the line. It would bring in U.S. dollars. Then, from an opposing viewpoint, it is held it might be the opening of a dyke to inflation to the U.S. general levels. Something is heard of limited exports to the U.S. and there is a general impression that the extent of exports to the U.S. depends on the nature of the agreement reached with Britain, if such an agreement is negotiated.

Long Term Viewpoint

Many people here consider that,

however great the present difficulties, it would be unwise to blind our eyes to the importance, from the long term viewpoint, of keeping a firm hold, if this is possible, on our established markets in Britain. During the war, for example, it is pointed out, Canada's bacon business was placed on a new footing. The concerted effort by the Canadian farmer, with a large stock of feed grain, and with strict care over the maintenance of quality, gave Canada what appeared to be a permanent place in the British market. Naturally Denmark would in post-war years be selling bacon again in Britain, and it was perhaps too much to hope that Canada would continue to supply as high a percentage of the British bacon imports or even to keep ex-

ports on a quantitative level with the war years.

As a matter of fact, as everyone knows, Canada has been delivering less than the amount of bacon specified in the contract. The contract for this year is 350,000,000 pounds (with a minimum delivery of 265,000,000). According to figures tabled in the Commons by Mr. Gardiner, the amount purchased by November 25th was 168,362,854, and it was estimated that there would be sufficient available for the balance of the year to reach a total figure of 250,000,000 pounds. (The shortage of delivery is greater proportionately in the case of beef and cheese, while deliveries of canned meats, eggs, and evaporated milk are up to schedule or approximately so.)



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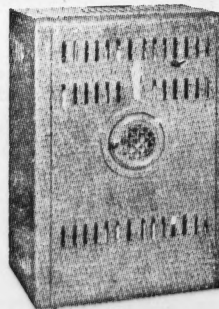
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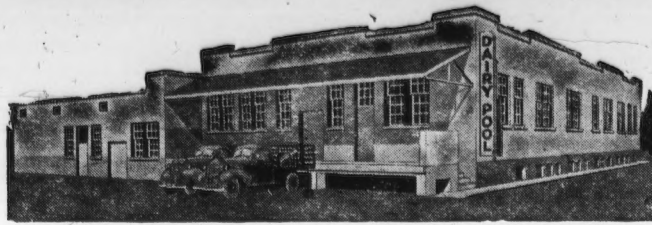
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CO-OPERATION AS A WAY OF LIFE

By F. J. FITZPATRICK

NOTE: Whenever he writes for us, as he has done so generously on a number of occasions, Mr. Fitzpatrick brings new inspiration to co-operators by shedding new light on some aspects of our movement and its problems. We are grateful to him for this fine article on "Co-operation as a Way of Life," which we commend to our readers. Co-operation, he points out, should embrace every side of life. Mr. Fitzpatrick is Supervisor of Co-operative activities for the Alberta Department of Trade and Industry

Wm Burns

PRESIDENT.

THROUGHOUT each year, I have many opportunities of watching co-operatives and co-operators in action, and of listening to their discussions and to addresses by many leaders of the movement. From my listening, I naturally form some conclusions on the co-operation of different groups of co-operators.

"Two Weeks a Year" Co-operators

Recently I attended the Alberta Wheat Pool Annual Meeting, and was there on the afternoon of December 2nd, when Mr. Ball of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool addressed the assembled delegates. Mr. Ball pointed out the difficulty of making co-operation effective, when so many people practised co-operation for two weeks

every year while delivering their wheat to one of the grain handling co-operatives, and during the other fifty weeks of the year, did no trading co-operatively.

Mr. Ball pointed out that grain co-operators should do their banking business through their own credit union and buy their supplies through their own co-operative. I can subscribe wholeheartedly to the claim put forward by Mr. Ball.

For a long time I have claimed that a co-operator is not a co-operator unless he is co-operating in every possible line of endeavor. I am sure that we have far too many men, who look on themselves as very fine co-operators because they deliver their grain co-operatively, while delivering their livestock and cream and poultry to the competitors of those co-operatives handling such products. Others deal co-operatively in all produce but grain, which is just as bad.

Run With Hare—Hunt With Hounds

Some of the hottest arguments I have had on credit unions, have been with so-called co-operators, and not with the opponents of co-operation. These so-called co-operators are far more dangerous than those who are opposed to co-operation, because they are not classed as the enemy, but bore from within as friends. The people who deal co-operatively in one commodity and otherwise in all others are the greatest menace the co-operative movement faces today; they are neither friend nor foe, they run with the hare, and hunt with the hounds.

Much is said and written about educating the younger generation and those outside the co-operative movement to believe in and practice co-operation. The most difficult and important job of education needs doing right inside the co-operative movement, and if properly done, the co-operators will be such good examples of fine citizenry that the younger generation and others will come to believe of their own volition.

Need Re-dedication

Nothing can do more to prevent a full belief in co-operation than the example now being set by many so-called co-operators, and nothing can do more for the movement, and the economic welfare of our country, than whole-hearted, one hundred per cent support of the co-operation so many claim to believe in. We need a revival and re-dedication of our belief

NOTICE

I am asking the members of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool to read the report of the annual meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, prepared and presented by W. Norman Smith, editor of The Western Farm Leader. This was a very important convention and the results obtained, when the Canadian Federation of Agriculture presents the considered opinions of all the Provincial organizations at Ottawa, will have far-reaching effects in every farming community in Canada.

WILLIAM BURNS,
President.

in co-operation as a way of life.

Most groups of co-operators claim that the younger people are not taking part in the co-operative movement and are leaving the work and responsibility to those who are now either grey or bald. Have the older men ever taken an interest in trying to unload responsibility on the younger generation? I think if we knew the facts, we would discover that in most cases the older men are quite willing to let the younger men take on some of the work, as long as the prestige and the ownership of shares, reserves, and dividends remain in the hands of those older men. You can't expect the younger men to do the work and take the responsibility unless you are willing to pass along at least part of the good things of co-operation.

Young People and Credit Unions

Young people aren't very strong in the co-operative movement because they are not in a position to use co-operatives as fully as the older, well established people, but here is where the credit union can solve a lot of your co-operative difficulties. The younger generation can all use the facilities of the credit union. They all have a little money which they can put into the credit union, and they can build and run a credit union much better than most older people can. They are the people who are eventually going to need credit to buy the things they need and they are the people who can and should build the credit unions. Of course they need the help of you older co-operators, and you should lose no time in getting your young people started with a credit union.

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A.F.A. and AMALGAMATION (Continued from page 5)

vote was taken. The offer of the Alberta Farmers' Union Convention, printed in the report of that convention elsewhere, provided for delegates of the U.F.A. and A.F.U. to be brought together in an open convention to elect officers of a new primary organization and draft a policy.

Issue of Paramount Interest

While many other issues of outstanding importance were dealt with by the meeting, perhaps no other subject aroused quite so much interest in the minds of delegates as this. It was dealt with first by Mr. Church, in his report for the U.F.A. to the delegates; and by R. Garneau, of Wainwright, member of the Executive of the A.F.U., who read the report for that body.

Mr. Church said he regretted to report that "after many years of effort to bring the whole educational work of agriculture into the Province into a unity under the Federation," the negotiations between the two primary organizations had broken down. "The Board of the U.F.A.," he said, "felt that the policy of the A.F.U. in assisting in the formation of a nation-wide farmers' primary organization inevitably tending to disunity among farmers throughout the Dominion, has brought things to the point where there is no further purpose to be served in keeping up negotiations. The Board of the U.F.A. is now placing before the Locals of our organization the proposal of the Federation of Agriculture to proceed on the basis of the provisional constitution accepted by the Federation and the U.F.A. and leave the way open for the A.F.U. to come in at a later date."

Old Type Organization Weakened

Great changes had taken place in the farmers' attitude to organizational work, the report went on, and the entrance of farm people into co-operatives had the effect of weakening their connection with the old type of farm organization. Two years after the end of the war, farmers were still not turning back to their local group meetings—either in Alberta, across Canada, or across North America.

"We say to ourselves as farmers that we have established this and that farm organization for the purpose of doing our business—let us use them for doing anything which may come up," Mr. Church stated. Recently at the Saskatchewan Co-operative Producers' (Wheat Pool) meeting in Saskatchewan, he had noticed that delegates "felt themselves empowered to take action on a great variety of interests affecting the men and women on the land. . . . It was because we saw this tendency that we who were charged with responsibility in the United Farmers of Alberta gave support to the Federation of Agriculture from the beginning. We are more convinced than ever that co-ordination of all the economic interests of the farmer is highly desirable. . . . We must make it our job to provide for this Federation an active unit at the home point. We need the farm organization at the local level as well

as on the wider levels of Provincial and Dominion affairs."

A.F.U. Position Stated

In the report presented by Mr. Garneau, the meetings held between the representatives of the U.F.A. and A.F.U. (the "Contact Committees") were also reviewed. Some compromises had been agreed to in order that the two organizations might be brought closer together. When the U.F.A. Board, sitting in special session in Calgary on October 23rd and 24th, declared that the A.F.U. "campaign in several Provinces of the Dominion to set up a direct membership national organization across Canada" had created a "situation differing from the desire of the membership of the United Farmers of Alberta," and had set forth that "in view of the instructions from our Annual Convention no good purpose could be served by continuing negotiations on the present basis," the negotiations were terminated.

Mr. Garneau explained that an inter-provincial farmers' union council had been set up by the A.F.U. in conjunction with the U.F.C. (Sask. Section), and assistance had been given by the A.F.U. upon request in setting up farmers' unions in Ontario and Manitoba, and these it was expected would shortly have representation on the council.

It was not possible to understand, stated the report, why the rendering of assistance in setting up farmers' unions in other Provinces and the formation of an inter-provincial farmers' union council should be resented as it seemed to be. In the main those joining the union in Ontario and Manitoba had hitherto been unorganized. The report added it was with satisfaction that the A.F.U. still remained affiliated with the Federation following the recent Convention. The setting up of a National Farmers' Union was also endorsed by the A.F.U. convention, and it was hoped that when this was done the possibility of "getting direct representation" for it on the "Canadian Federation Board" would be considered.

Adoption Is Moved

Adoption of the A.F.A. Board resolution on amalgamation was moved by Jake Frey of Arneson and seconded by F. R. McCalla of Bremner. Louis Normandeau suggested that the resolution be withheld until it could be seen whether further efforts might not bring the U.F.A. and A.F.U. into amalgamation with one another, and Donald Macleod of Lake Isle took a somewhat similar view. Mr. Church said that, if he actually thought bringing these organizations together now would provide the answer, he would favor it.

L. E. Pharis of Magrath thought the A.F.U. proposal liberal, while Henry Young said the amalgamation of the U.F.A. with the A.F.A. as proposed would mean that the A.F.A. would be set up as a rival of the A.F.U., and might be a stumbling block to unity. He wished to see amalgamation of the A.F.U. and U.F.A.

Before Mr. Baker's amendment was submitted, a motion to table the resolution pending action on the A.F.U. proposal by the U.F.A. Convention had been made by Mr. Stretch, who however, like several who followed him, made it clear that he favored the resolution. This motion was lost on a tie, and a later motion to table was lost with a considerable majority against it. At the end of the discussion there was no vote against the resolution as amended.

Among those who spoke in support of the resolution were Mrs. M. E. Lowe, President of the United Farm Women of Alberta, Norman F. Priestley, who said that the A.F.A., though imperfect, had already done big things, and urged "Let us build it up." A. Milsap, of Lamont, dealing with the A.F.U. proposal, said the policy of the combined organization suggested would be determined by the delegates. The A.F.U., he stated, did not oppose the co-operatives, but did not want them directly connected with a primary organization.

President Roy C. Marler, of the A.F.A., supporting the resolution,

stressed the desirability of a united movement. The A.F.A. might well be imperfect, but it was seeking to do a job in unity—and all its member organizations had a common interest, that of the farm people. If the A.F.U. did not wish to amalgamate with the A.F.A. "we should continue as we are with them in the Federation" all the same. Farmers on the land were getting "fed up" as a result of delays in effecting amalgamation. Mr. Mar-

ler pointed out to the delegates that membership in the International Federation of Agricultural Producers must be through one national organization, and that organization, for Canada, is the C.F.A.

The farm people, said Mr. Marler, had no better friends than the co-ops. "We cannot afford to set up any organization not in close contact with the co-operatives," he stated.

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"Be it resolved, that the meeting strenuously opposes any change in the present legislation in respect to manufacture and importation of oleomargarine, and further, that this resolution be forwarded to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and they be asked to take this matter up with the Dominion Government and do all in their power to urge upon the Government to make no change in the present legislation."

D. A. McCallum, Alberta Dairy Commissioner, who strongly favored the resolution, announced that a committee of the Alberta Dairymen's Association headed by Ellis A. Johnstone is preparing a statement on this issue which will be widely circulated. "We have got to convince the consumer that we are right. If we get out to the public the information we have, we have nothing to fear," he said. The campaign for oleo was being waged by a very few firms interested in soap and some packers. Mr. Mc-

Keep Production Rolling

LONDON, Eng.—Time lost in industrial disputes in Britain since V E-Day total one hour and ten minutes a year, per worker—about one-fifteenth of the figure for the corresponding period following the 1914-1918 war.

Barley Contest Entries

All three Prairie Provinces are slightly behind last year in numbers of entries in the \$25,000 National Barley Contest. Of 345 earloads entered this year, up to December 5th, 211 were shipped and 134 held by the growers for seed.

"Farm Family Living"

Districts in Central Alberta, and Northern and Central Saskatchewan, provided material for the study "Farm Family Living in the Prairie Provinces," by Florence M. Edwards, published by the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

Callum pointed out that if butter is up in price, lard is up more. Manufacturers were not able today to get enough oil for soap and shortening.

POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Dec. 4th.—Molotov suggestion that Big Four Government should submit to foreign ministers' meeting, within two months, proposals for German peace treaty, followed by U.S. charges that Russians are trying to disrupt "Marshall plan". Jewish and Arab leaders urge end of violence in Palestine. Arabs recruit forces throughout Middle East.

Dec. 5th.—Special session of Parliament opens, Ottawa.

Dec. 6th.—British population will dwindle to 36,000,000 under Socialist rule, is gloomy prophecy of Churchill at Conservative party rally.

Dec. 7th.—Speaking in southern Kashmir, Nehru says all resources to be devoted to driving out invading tribesmen, repeats promise of plebiscite. John Foster Dulles returns to London to report to U.S. Secretary of State Marshall on "most satisfactory" talks with French political leaders, including De Gaulle. Violence mounts in Palestine.

Dec. 8th.—Britain will buy no bacon, sugar, dried eggs in the U.S., announced by Strachey, due to lack of dollars. Threatened two-day transportation strike in Paris peters out. Molotov repeats original demand for \$10 billions reparations from Germany which he indicates represents fraction of damage inflicted on Russia, also calls for dissolution of merger of British and U.S. zones, in return for agreement to German economic unity. U.S.-Britain states reparations Russia demands would have to be paid in large measure by them. Jewish volunteers beat off Arab attack on Tel-Aviv. Britain informs UN she will surrender Palestine mandate May 15th.

Dec. 9th.—Russia breaks off trade negotiations with France, following expulsion of the other's repatriation commission by each country.

Dec. 10th.—Efforts to cut U.S. emergency aid bill fail, reported from Washington. Arabs threaten full-scale war in Palestine when British leave.

Dec. 11th.—Agreement on all main points of Anglo-Russian trade negotiations announced in London, coarse grains to be secured by Britain, is report.

Dec. 12th.—Death toll in Palestine, since partition decided on by UN, is 185, reported from Jerusalem, property damage estimated at above \$10 millions. Molotov charges Britain, U.S., with buying up German firms, profiting in coal and timber.

Dec. 13th.—British-Canadian food contract negotiations reported in "delicate" state, if British insists she cannot find dollars for further purchases of bacon, cheese, etc., Canada may charge more for wheat, is report. Big Four meeting postponed until Monday. U.S. Federal authorities take steps to force Du Pont corporation to sell some plants, monopoly charged.

Dec. 14th.—U.S.S.R. announces anti inflation program, food rationing to end, all consumer goods under price control, rubles held in cash to be redeemed one for ten, bank accounts over 3,000 rubles also to be de-valued, two for three up to 10,000 rubles, one for two over that amount. Former British Premier, Earl Baldwin, dies. British have rounded "recovery corner", declares Herbert Morrison, exports nearly one-fifth greater than pre-war, British aid to war shattered peoples second only in amount to that of U.S.

Dec. 15th.—Big Four London conference ends without agreement either on German or Austrian treaties. Jewish leaders demand withdrawal Arab

Legion troops from Palestine. Britain begins trade talks with Holland. British submarine remained submerged for several weeks, Admiralty reports.

Dec. 16th.—Under the name of Bizonia, British and U.S. occupation zones of Germany will be merged, says Washington despatch, U.S. to bear three-quarters occupation costs, and to have economic control, reported, political and military matters to be controlled fifty-fifty. Congress committee cuts European aid appropriation by \$88 millions.

Dec. 17th.—Britain may have to re-orient foreign policy as result of Big Four conference failure, is report from London. Canadian terms on British food agreements said likely to be accepted.

Dormant Weed Seeds May Have Long Life

There are many authenticated records of weed seeds that have lain in the soil for decades, still dormant, but capable of germination, writes Dr. F. J. Greaney, director, Line Elevators Farm Service, in a recent bulletin. In Michigan, in 1879, an experimenter named Beal buried in the soil several bottles of each of a number of different kinds of weed seeds, mixed with sand. At intervals of five years, bottles were dug up and germination tests made. Seeds of black mustard germinated after 50 years in the soil; after 40 years, common plantain, purslane, pigweed, curled dock, chickweed, ragweed, and others were still alive. Such tests, Dr. Greaney points out, show clearly that weeds cannot be controlled simply by plowing seeds under; and he refers to the progress made in recent years in control of weeds by chemical means. Prairie farmers stand to benefit greatly by the proper use of 2, 4-D and other new weed-killing chemicals; but, Dr. Greaney concludes, good cultural and other sound farm practices will remain the chief method of eradicating some of Western Canada's most persistent and dangerous weeds.

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Many Issues Dealt With by A.F.U. Convention

NEW proposals concerning the merging of the forces of the United Farmers of Alberta and the Alberta Farmers' Union were advanced at the Annual Convention of the A.F.U. in Edmonton during the first week of December. Maintenance of affiliation with the Alberta Federation of Agriculture was approved, when delegates overwhelmingly voted down a resolution calling for a break. The Convention went on record in favor of setting up of a National Farmers' Union. It authorized the A.F.U. Board to consider the taking of necessary steps to call a grain non-delivery strike, if and when necessary, unless certain demands are met. Carl J. Stimpfle of Egremont was unanimously re-elected President. (Owing to illness Mr. Stimpfle was unable to attend the A.F.U. Annual Meeting held following the A.F.U. Convention.)

These were a few of the major decisions of a gathering which dealt with a wide range of agricultural problems of urgent importance. There was a large attendance.

Resolution on Merger

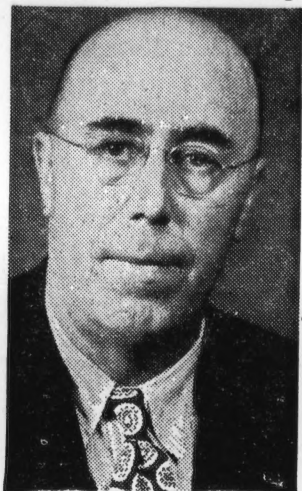
The resolution proposing the A.F.U.-U.F.A. merger was in the following terms, it being explained that this would be "presented immediately to the Board of the U.F.A. and the U.F.W.A., with the request that it be considered at their Annual Convention":

"Whereas we believe that the majority of the farmers of Alberta desire the amalgamation of the bona fide (direct membership) farmers of the A.F.U. and the U.F.A.,

"Therefore we the delegates of the A.F.U. assembled in Convention go on record as favoring this amalgamation of the direct farmers and suggest that a plebiscite be taken on the following questions:

- "1. That an open convention be called of the delegates of the A.F.U. and the U.F.A. representation to be on the basis of one delegate for 20 members or the major portion thereof. Any Local shall be entitled to one delegate.
- "2. That the election of officials of the proposed body be carried out by the delegates at the open convention.
- "3. That the policy and the program of the proposed amalgamated body be decided upon by the delegates at the open convention."

It was announced during the discussion of the subject of amalgamation that a statement containing nine points drafted by the A.F.U. contact committee did not reach the U.F.A. Board in time for the meeting at which it had been decided that nothing was



PRESIDENT STIMPFLE

to be gained at present by continuation of negotiations.

In bringing fraternal greetings from the U.F.A., Vice-President Andrew Wood of Dewberry, representing the President, George E. Church, explained how negotiations had terminated. Their cessation did not mean that the U.F.A. did not favor amalgamation.

James Jackson, former A.F.U. Vice-President, spoke of the need for unification of farm forces to combat many evils—including the influence of such radio and other advertising as would tend to wreck efforts to carry out a stabilizing program for agriculture.

Proposed National Farmers' Union

Concerning a National Farmers' Union the Convention adopted a resolution which was in the following terms, except that the five words enclosed in parentheses, which formed part of the original draft, were struck out, some speakers stating that as members of co-operatives themselves they did not think this part of the resolution desirable.

"Whereas, the economic picture in Canada is changing rapidly and taking a form that adversely affects the farmer,

"And whereas, the increase in prices greatly reduces the farmer's purchasing power and will eventually impoverish the farmer unless appropriate action is taken to balance the economic picture,

"And whereas, a farmers' organization sufficiently large in scope and national in character is necessary to ensure that appropriate action is taken,

"Therefore be it resolved that we are strongly in favor of forming a National Farmers' Union composed of bona fide dirt farmers of Canada (and having no commercial entanglements).

"Further, we urge that this Union be organized as quickly as possible, so that we will be prepared for any eventuality."

Five Major Demands

In authorizing the Board to consider the calling of a grain non-delivery strike if necessary, the Convention suggested that five demands should be met: (1) Initial price of wheat raised to \$2 basis Fort William and Vancouver, (2) payment on participation certificates at end of each year's

operations, payments for crop year 1945-46 to be made immediately, (3) subsidizing from treasury the difference between British wheat agreement price and price paid on export market, pending setting up of fact finding board and establishment of parity price, (4) Canadian farmers to be paid market price on domestic sales of wheat, any necessary subsidy being paid by the Dominion, (5) setting up of national grain board to market all grains, such board to have adequate farm representation, chosen from direct membership of Farm organizations.

Would Remove Embargo

Unconditional immediate removal of the embargo on export of Canadian livestock to the United States was called for, sales to be made through the present Meat Board or other Government Board to be set up for the purpose, the producer to be paid an initial price, sufficient to guarantee a reasonable profit based on the cost of production, the balance of the increased price to be distributed to or used in the interest of the livestock producers, pro rata, the Government to subsidize the consumer to meet the initial price on exports to U.S.

Renegotiation of the British contract for Canadian meats to provide for substantially increased prices for

A.F.U. Officers Elected

Officers of the Alberta Farmers' Union for the coming year are as follows:

President, C. Stimpfle, Egremont, Vice-President, R. N. Russell, Athabasca; Executive: R. Garneau, Wainwright, A. Milsap, Lamont, Mrs. Mary B. Pharis, Magrath.

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the producer, was urged.

In view of acute shortage of stock and box cars in Peace River area, Directors were instructed to take all possible steps to insure diversion of cars from elsewhere.

Veterans' Affairs

That a veteran be required to repay only two-thirds of purchase price of land on yearly basis of one-eighth of his income, was urged, also that every veteran have machinery loan cancelled at expiration of five years if he is still

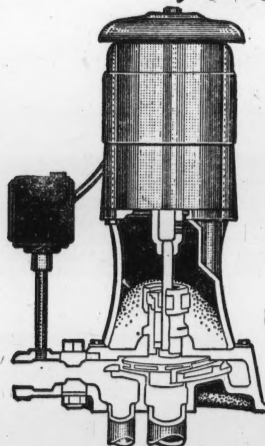
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Dear Farm Women:

Let me warn you at the very beginning. I am going to write again about "In Memory" books. Those of you who read my previous letter will remember I was suggesting the encouraging the giving of suitably inscribed "In Memory" books in tribute to our friends who had passed away. I did so because I considered the tribute of the beauty of the flowers so very fleeting, whereas if the tribute were in form of a book it would be as though our friends were still adding to the life of the community, their names still remembered. Also, very often this would be done where there was a dearth of good books for circulation.

I am writing this because I have written for this paper and its predecessor for over twenty years, and during that time many people have been kind enough to write me regarding this letter or that one which I had written. Never before have I had as many comments as I have had regarding this one, and all wrote agreeing and saying they thought it a good idea.

Ideas Must Bring Action

But, as I say, ideas are all very well, but we can not stop there if we are to accomplish anything. They must be followed by action. I am sure many of you must have considered the matter and have ideas about how it could be done. I might say that, for ourselves, we tried to practice what I preached. The wife of an old friend and neighbor passed away in the city. We wrote and asked him if he wished a book given in her memory for the civic library or to our local town. He replied and said he would like the book given to our local town. He went farther and gave the name of a book which his wife had much enjoyed when she was living. Incidentally it was "Wings at My Window" which I reviewed for this page.

In some instances I think the choice of the book would be named by the family. Again, it might be the selection of the giver. In other instances the choice might be left to some person or persons just as at present the choice of flowers is very often made by others. And as some like to record the tributes paid, the "In Memory" books could be listed with the name of the donor.

Many Plans—One Intention

Different communities or individuals might have different plans; but they would alike have the intent of paying tribute to the one who had passed away; of keeping that name a present memory for old friends and of interest to new-comers. The books need not be "high-brow" books, but I think all would like to feel they were giving a worth-while book, even if it were only a small inexpensive volume. Others might, on the other hand, want to express their feelings in some of the beautifully bound books of ancient or modern literature. The libraries, especially in these small towns, would welcome the additions, and if there is not a library already started, they might prove the nucleus for the building up of one.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Pickardville U.F.W.A. recently resumed meetings after an interval in which bad roads and the rush of threshing made them impracticable. The bulletin on immigration was read and the questionnaire completed, and arrangements were made for the December bazaar and whist drive.

All Duty Free

All CARE parcels, whether food or textile, are admitted to the United Kingdom absolutely free of duty. British recipients do not have to surrender ration points for food, in parcels of 22 pounds or under (or 20 lbs. if sent by mail); food parcels, however must be bona-fide unsolicited gifts, and marked as such.

Farm Home and Garden

Sausage and Apple Casserole: Heat skillet, and brown 1 cup sausage meat, 1 cup diced celery, 1/4 cup minced onion; arrange apples, pared and cored, in large bakingdish; mix sausage with 4 cups soft breadcrumbs, pile in centre; thicken drippings with flour, add 1 cup boiling water, and pour gravy over sausage mixture; bake in moderate oven until apples are tender.

Chicken Roll: Cut up cold, cooked chicken or turkey, moisten with gravy; spread on biscuit dough and roll as jelly roll; bake in hot oven 20 to 30 minutes; cut in slices and serve with hot gravy.

Devil's Food: This recipe is a time saver. Beat 1 egg (or two yolks), add 1 cup sugar and beat again; blend 4 tbs. cocoa with 1/2 cup hot water and 2 tbs. butter; combine two mixtures and add 1-1/4 cups flour sifted with 2 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. salt; lastly add 1 tsp. soda dissolved in 1/2 cup hot water, and 1 tsp. vanilla. Bake in 9-inch square pan, in moderate oven.

Sandwich Spread: Chop 1 large tin pimientos and 6 or 8 sweet cucumber pickles. Blend together 1/4 cup butter, 1/3 cup sugar, 3 eggs, a pinch of salt, 3/4 cup vinegar, 1 small onion-minced; add pimientos and pickles, and 1 cup grated cheese; cook in double boiler until thick. Keeps well if stored in cool place.

Sponges are better than cloths for washing walls, woodwork and upholstery. After using, wash in lukewarm suds, and dry thoroughly.

Energetic U.F.W.A. (Milk River) plan an old time dance for January 9th.

Mrs. Ohler won the food contest conducted by Mrs. L. L. Jones at a recent meeting of Stavely U.F.W.A., Miss Dorothy Florence sang two solos, accompanied by Mrs. H. Mitchell.

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Keoma U.F.W.A. plan to have the dedication of the John Park memorial plaque on December 28th.

Mrs. G. Jamieson is the new secretary of Namas U.F.W.A., Mrs. K. Crozier continuing as president.

Veteran U.F.W.A. recently sent a woolen CARE parcel to the old country, they are also purchasing a supply of dishes.

Griesbach U.F.W.A. made \$31.40 from a dance recently and arranged another to finance Christmas treats for the Yorkville school children.

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"RUTH"

Sympathetic understanding of the points of view both of the girl from the Old Country who came as a soldier-farmer's bride to make her home in Canada, and of western farm people, and of course an intimate knowledge of western farm life, are shown by Mrs. Barbara Villy Cormack whose poem "Ruth" is just off the press. The poem, part of which appeared in the 1946 Christmas Number of *The Western Farm Leader*, has been rewritten and extended to the proportions of a 24-page narrative.

There is warm poetic feeling in the simple yet poignant tale, and Mrs. Cormack has a gift for vivid phrases that make the reader share in her feeling. We quote below the "Dedication":

Across the seas they came, these other
Ruths,
Forsaking all the dear familiar ways
Of home and country, for our stranger
shores,
Shores which their men called home.

May they with us
Find peace and joy and understanding
warmth,
That warmth of friendliness that makes
us kin
To all the world, and melts within its
glow
All prejudice that tends to bar the way
To the fulfilment of true comradeship.

Mrs. Cormack lives on the Alix district.

—A.T.S.

U.F.W.A. Local News

Dunvegan U.F.W.A. is donating a cup for the Fairview Musical Festival.

Urging that the American market be opened for shipment of Canadian livestock, a telegram was sent to the Minister of Agriculture from a recent meeting of Iron Creek U.F.W.A. (Viking).

Nanton U.F.W.A. closed the year, according to their usual practice, with a Christmas dinner, served to sixty ladies, who later enjoyed the program of music, moving pictures, and a baby picture contest.

The handsome sum of \$144.95 was realized from the fall tea and bazaar of Okotoks U.F.W.A., \$40, from the raffle of a quilt, was sent to the Junior Red Cross Hospital. Officers for next year are Mrs. Alex. McLeod, Mrs. T. Sandeman Jr., and Mrs. S. Kopas.

Hillside U.F.W.A. are sending another donation to the Save the Children Fund, writes Mrs. Wm. Marr, "for the sponsorship of a French boy; we have been this boy's sponsor for over a year now, and hope to continue."

Roll call at the December meeting of Camrose U.F.W.A. was answered by naming a Christmas carol, and suggesting a topic for the Home Economist to use in her winter program, writes Mrs. A. Waterston, retiring secretary. The new officers are Mrs. R. Bertchi, Mrs. McNary and Mrs. R. Roose.

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Junior Locals Place Themselves on "Map"

Three Junior U.F.A. Locals at different points in the neighborhood of Vulcan have placed themselves "on the map" in a special way during recent weeks by successfully sponsoring meetings at which addresses were given by young people, and some adult farm leaders, and sound films added to the enjoyment of the company.

Pine Canyon Junior U.F.A. sponsored a meeting in the Pine Canyon School, when D. C. Thornton, Educational Director of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative, outlined the history of co-operation in Alberta and showed motion pictures including the new co-op film "River of Canada", "Listen to the Prairies", and a number of short comedies. Evan Williams, Junior U.F.A. Director for Macleod constituency, and J. Edward Ness, Vice-President of the Junior U.F.A., spoke on the work of their branch of the movement. Andrew Koster and Jean Groeneveld were elected President and Secretary respectively to take the place of officers who have left the district to attend school. Roy Meadows was chairman.

Doug Smith, President of the Snake Valley Junior U.F.A., was chairman of a meeting held at Reid Hill, ten miles east of Vulcan, when Mr. Thornton showed sound pictures, including "There Were Three Men", and a color film covering Alberta from Medicine Hat to the Alaska Highway and featuring activities of the U.F.A. Co-op. As speakers, Evan Williams and Edward Ness were joined by Mrs. H. C. Douglass, U.F.A. Director for Macleod, and convener of Junior work for the Province.

Under the auspices of the Alston Junior U.F.A., a meeting at which Mrs. Douglass, Mr. Thornton (who showed films), and Mr. Ness, was held at Alston hall, southwest of Vulcan. Mr. Williams, the Junior Director, was chairman.

Little Folks' Puzzle



EDITH'S FAIRY

You know of course that the fairies and Santa Claus often travel together, so Christmas is a good time to think about them. Here is Edith trying to reach what she calls her little fairy. She says she is sure it is a real fairy, for it has wings of the softest material colored very brightly. Join all the numbered dots to-



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gether, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number thirty-eight, and you will have a picture of Edith's fairy. Use your crayons on this picture.

The "New Forest" in southern England, which is a survival of pre-Norman woodland and was being administered for King Canute in 1016, is to be kept as a permanent nature reserve.

Members of Consort Junior U.F.A. recently decided that each would bring a book or other article suitable to send to the Indian Hospital, writes the secretary, Helen I. Redel. For the Christmas meeting, an exchange of Christmas cards was planned, with a program of games. A membership drive is being arranged.

Another 24 square miles has been added to Elk Island National Park.



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W. J. Parker, President of the Manitoba Pool Elevators will address the delegates on Wednesday evening, January 14, and it is hoped that his address will be broadcast over this same network from 8:30 to 9:30.

Locals are urged to send in convention resolutions as soon as possible so that they may be printed in the convention program.

Make hotel reservations for your delegates as soon as possible as accommodation is limited.

Delegates and visitors to the convention should secure a one-way ticket on train or bus and get a standard certificate from the agent which entitles them to return for one-third of the regular fare.

It is important that all locals be represented by their full quota of delegates as this is a very important convention.

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The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

In the present crop year there is a deficit between minimum needs of importing countries and estimated supplies of bread grains from exporters of approximately 370 million bushels in terms of wheat. This is the calculation of Sir John Orr, Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

World production of wheat in 1947 is estimated at 5.8 billion bushels, while rye production totals 1.5 billion bushels. The continent of Europe, however, had a bread grain crop of about one-third less than the average production during the period 1935-39. Therein lies the great grain deficit area.

Shortage to Continue

As far as can be determined, the wheat shortage will continue through the 1948-49 crop year. Europe's crop may fare better than last year's, but the dislocation on the continent, caused by the erection of arbitrary political zones, will likely mean that Western Europe will not be able to look to the Danube Basin for supplies, and heavy overseas importations will be necessary. Germany has lost about one-third of her agricultural area, and it has been calculated that at least 140 million bushels of wheat will have to be imported to properly feed the German people.

The crop of the Southern Hemisphere is now coming on. Australia's wheat crop is a record breaker and has been estimated as high as 250 million bushels. The Argentinian wheat crop is disappointing, and Broomhall has estimated it at 184 million bushels, compared with 206 million in 1946. Australia will likely have 170 million bushels available for export and Argentina about 75 million.

In Winter Wheat Belt

Conditions have improved in the United States winter wheat belt, but it is doubtful if that country will produce the huge crops which have been characteristic of the past few years. The 1947 wheat crop alone totalled 1.4 billion bushels, and about 500 million bushels of that will be exported from the U.S.A.

There has not been much change in the Canadian situation, and outside of Canada's commitment of 160 million bushels of wheat for Great Britain, there will probably be not much more than 40 million bushels available for export to other countries.

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on land, and that he obtain title after five years upon completing his payments. It was demanded that veterans on all Provincial lands in Alberta be given title to their holdings after paying taxes and living on the land for five years and improving it in accordance with the provisions of the old Homestead Act. It was stated that the Alberta Government had contributed very little towards establishing veterans of World War II on Provincial lands, and it was submitted that in other Provinces veterans receive Provincial lands free of charge.

Cost of Education

The Alberta Government was asked to bear at least 50 per cent of the cost of primary and secondary education. Compulsory public liability insurance at cost to all car, truck and other vehicle owners, and complete coverage of fire and theft losses at cost on an optional basis, was called for.

Better protection against damage done by game birds, wolves and coyotes was urged, and the Provincial Government was asked to work out a plan to reimburse farmers for excessive damage done by game birds. It was proposed that "Ducks Unlimited" be asked to provide part of the costs of duck-damage from U.S. funds. Bounty on coyotes of not less than \$10, and not less than \$50 for twelve

The Dairy Market

Another rise in the market this week brings first grade prints locally to 67 cents, special grade butterfat is 69 cents, less 2 cents per pound for truck cream and 1 cent per pound for train cream (maximum for transportation, 30 cents). Montreal and Toronto are quoting 67 to 68, Vancouver 66 cents. The stock position on December 1st showed 59,302,067 pounds in storage in Canada, as compared with 56,866,368 pounds on the same date one year ago. Production is running well above that of last year, but the increase in consumption has more than overtaken the increase in production.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Dec. 16th.—Hogs are steady at \$21.60 for Grade A, sows \$12.50 alive, feeder pigs \$14.50 to \$15.50. The lamb market is considerably stronger, good handyweights \$13.50 to \$14, good ewes \$6 to \$6.50. This week the cattle market advanced a good 50 cents, bringing the advance for the two-week period to \$1 to \$1.50. Good to choice steers are \$14.75 to \$15.50, down to \$12 for common, good to choice heifers \$13 to \$14, down to \$11 for common, good cows \$10 to \$10.50, down to \$7.50 for common, \$5 to \$7 for canners and cutters, good bulls \$9.25 to \$10, down to \$7.50 for common, good veal calves \$12 to \$12.50, down to \$10.50 for common, good stocker and feeder steers \$12 to \$13, down to \$10.50 for common.

Canadian beet sugar production in 1947 was about 165 million pounds, less than the peak year of 1940, and also about 41 million pounds less than in 1946.

President Manitoba Pool Will Be Speaker at U.F.A. Convention

W. J. Parker, President of Manitoba Pool Elevators, will give an important address at Wednesday's evening session (Jan. 14th) of the forthcoming Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta. It is expected that this will be one of the sessions to be broadcast; another will be the opening session, Tuesday morning, from 10:45 to 12 o'clock, which will be heard over CFCN and CFRN. The Convention—the 39th of the organization—will be held in the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, January 13th to 16th.

months on wolves, was asked, and that the pelts of animals be left in the hands of the hunter or trapper.

Manufacturers of machinery repairs were asked to allocate more spare parts on consignment to their dealers.

Rising Costs

The Convention adopted a four-point program designed to deal with rising costs, as follows: (1) Re-establish price controls, (2) Set up fact finding board to establish and maintain parity of prices and incomes, (3) Adjust all pensions to level adequate to maintain decent standard of living, (4) Adjust income tax exemptions so that purchasing power may be maintained at highest possible level.

Would Abolish Grain Exchange

Abolition of the Winnipeg grain exchange was demanded.

Raising of income tax exemption level from \$1500 to \$3000 for married persons and from \$750 to \$1500 for single persons was called for.

Unanimous opposition was expressed to daylight saving time, unless it is first approved by general plebiscite.

Immediate inauguration of rural electrification by the Provincial Government was urged.

Five detailed plans for securing a square deal for farmers in areas where oil companies are drilling and developing oil wells were adopted.

Correspondence

Action Taken by
A.F.A. Convention

"HOTTING UP FIRES"

G.P.O. Box 73,
Toronto, Ont.Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*,

Dear Sir:

Someone is feverishly "hotting up the fires" in the Butter vs. Margarine battle? I observe that the per capita consumption of butter in Canada is 28.6 lbs., as against 10.5 lbs. in the U.S., plus 4.2 lbs. of margarine. However, when it comes to the per capita use of lard, shortening, and other fats, the U.S. reverses the figures—they use 28 lbs., as against our average of 14 lbs.

As you know, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce is taking a vote of its membership on this problem. I have no objection to such a vote; but suggest that the referendum base is far too narrow for such a vital decision, i.e., "the motion will be considered approved, if accorded two-thirds majority from 30 per cent of the chambers across Canada." This looks very much like a minority vote!

Be that as it may, before I would vote in this matter, I would call for expert opinion on the effect of margarine on Canada's dairy farms. There is, then, the old saying, "figures never lie—but liars can figure". In this latter respect, urban Canadians who think that a few lbs. of margarine will solve their problem, will be wise to make sure that this industrial product doesn't cost too dear, i.e., in terms of ruining our (dairy) farms? The Legion of Decency comes to my mind as I write. True, they represented but 20 per cent of the "movie" patrons; but a little study indicated that "a determined 20 per cent held the ticket-power to put every theatre into the red-ink column from coast to coast."

Obviously, the margarinists should watch their step!

WALTER P. DAVISSON.

The Scottish Seaweed Research Association is carrying on inquiries into the food value and digestibility of seaweed as fodder for sheep, pigs and poultry, and into its further use as fertilizer.

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Attended by 71 accredited delegates representing 39 of the member organizations, the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation in the space of two days completed a large volume of business of the highest importance from the standpoint of the interests of Western agriculture.

Ablly Handled

Proceedings were under the direction of three competent chairmen—President Marler and his assistants, Andrew Wood of Riverton and H. G. Young of Millet. Thorough organization by Secretary-Treasurer McFall and his own and the A.L.C. staff contributed to the success of the gathering.

Directors' reports contained surveys of the past year's activities and of the conditions facing the industry of agriculture, of the very highest value. Premier Manning and Mayor Ainley of Edmonton welcomed the delegates, and important addresses were given by J. H. Wesson, Chairman of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, Ed. Rusenholt of the Canadian Wheat Pool, George E. Church, who discussed the I.F.A.P. conference, L. E. Pharis of the Advisory Committee to the Agricultural Prices Support Board, and Hon. D. B. MacMillan, Provincial Minister of Agriculture.

Several important features of the meeting will be dealt with in the next issue of this paper. Some major decisions are listed below. The meeting:

Instructed Directors to initiate and carry on in conjunction with other sympathetic farm organizations, an active campaign to maintain the services of the Canadian Wheat Board and "to bring all grains under its jurisdiction."

Domestic Price of Wheat

Urged price of wheat sold for domestic consumption be raised to level of wheat sold to other countries than the United Kingdom, "or in the alternative to credit wheat producers as a charge against the treasury of Canada, with the difference between the domestic price and the average price per bushel according to grade received by the Canadian Wheat Board for wheat sold to countries outside the United Kingdom during the years 1946-47, 1947-48, 1948-49 and 1949-50, the amount so credited to be paid to producers as soon as possible after the termination of that four-year period."

Asked Dominion Government to remove embargo on livestock export to the U.S.

Asked floor prices on eggs and poultry in keeping with costs of production.

Proposed re-negotiation of bacon contract with Britain, and if Britain unable to pay increase, Dominion to subsidize price and allow export of at least off-grade hogs to the U.S.

Condemn Removal of Ceilings

Strongly condemned action of Dominion Government in removing price ceilings and permitting re-opening of grain exchange for open trading in coarse grains, and urged that Wheat Board handle all grains, place "initial payments on coarse grains that will bear a fair relationship to the price of wheat and will have due regard to the well being of the dairying and livestock industries."

Demand Government compensate "all growers of coarse grains who have suffered loss through having sold their grain during this crop year under the ceilings which have now been removed."

(To be continued)

Farm Radio Forum

January topics for National Farm Radio Forum will be: 5th. Marketing by Co-op, 12th. The World Is Our Market, 19th. Do We Need a National Marketing Act? 26th. Review.

In the recent election of directors of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada J. W. Hosford, Edmonton, was chosen to represent Alberta.

Christmas
Radio Presentation

As has been its custom over past years, the Alberta Wheat Pool will sponsor during the coming Yuletide season the radio presentation,

"A Christmas Carol"

as adapted from Charles Dickens' immortal story.

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As a good resolution for the New Year, the *Chicago Tribune*, when talking of Great Britain, should make up its mind to remember that the Old Country's future doesn't lie behind it. The inventive genius and business enterprise of Britishers never stand still.

Cynical Gus says, when Christmas is over, we can refer to it as the "high cost of giving". Never mind, Gus, just bear in mind that "it's better to give than receive".

AN OLD PROBLEM

S.L.M., of Edmonton, has sent us an old problem in addition, with the request that we publish it. Well, here goes:

Three men, asking to share a hotel room, were told by the bellboy that the rate was \$30, payable in advance since they were without luggage. Each gave him a \$10 bill. When the boy went to the desk he was told that the room cost only \$25, and the cashier gave him five one dollar bills

in change. The bellhop, knowing the guests were willing to pay \$30 kept \$2 for himself and refunded \$1 to each man. Each of the three had therefore paid out \$9 which amounted to \$27; and the boy had retained \$2: total \$29.

What became of the other dollar? Don't look, but you'll find the answer in the last lines of this column.

AUTO EPITAPH

Driver Jim spotted a babe,
And she had lots of dash;
He craned his neck to get a look,
And so died in a CRASH.

Postcard from the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest informs us that a statistician is a guy who draws a mathematically precise line from an unwarranted assumption to a foregone conclusion.

We see that a non-smelling garlic preparation is on the market. Ah, yes, "Breath Takes a Holiday".

Radiogram from Chuck of Chucwalla declares that politicians should remember that the greater the windbag the easier it is to poke holes in it.



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Thanks, Chuck! That's a timely reminder in view of the fact that a Provincial election appears to be in the offing.

"Mrs. received the guests in a brown crepe jacket frock with a hat of snakeskin, and matching accents. Sweetheart roses and freesias made up her corsets."

—From the *Calgary Herald* as quoted in the *New Yorker*. Seems hardly the way to say it with flowers.

R.S.V.P.

"Canada (is) a country where freedom of thought, word and deed is truly respected and practiced."—From an advertisement of the "House of Seagram" in *New World*. And, if that is true, perhaps the "House of Seagram" will explain why they can't advertise their perfectly legal products in Alberta.

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Exultant o'er the vale,
And from the rocky heights I'll fling
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And when the stars awake and sweep
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My court of peerless fools,
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Of regions strange to men;
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Go east, go west, go south the line;
Trek clear to Trebizond;
The siren of the rainbow-mine
Waits evermore beyond.
Praise other lands with minstrelsy,
But leave me here in thrall;
This corner of the earth to me
Smiles sweetest of them all!
—JOHN ROSS,
Kimberley, S.A.

We think we've heard this before, but George MacShane, out Red Deer way, insists that up at Edmonton they refer to Elmer Roper as Public Energy No. 1.

WHISKEY

I have a very lovely cat;
He is supremely bright.
I've named him "Whiskey" just because
You see he's "Black and White".

The above charming poem was not inserted by the Alberta Liquor Control Board; they never having heard of those two colors.

THIS IS SIMPLY SWEET

A Calgary curb cruising wolf pulled up his car beside Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, and asked "Going my way, baby?"

"No," replied Goldie, "I get a harp at the end of mine."
—Thenx to Benny W.

O.K., Benny, but a lot of curb cruising wolves, who pay more attention to the babes than they do to their driving, get a harp much quicker than the gals. Or is it a shovel?

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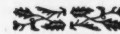


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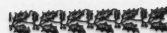
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